

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements and Rosters

Pension Application of Thomas Dowden (Doudeen) W4181

Mary Dowden VA

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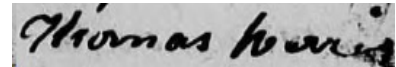
Prince George County to Wit:

Second Judicial Circuit of Virginia

This 28th day of April, one thousand eight hundred & Eighteen personally appeared before me, Richard E. Parker, one of the Judges of the Judicial Court, & Judge of the Second Judicial Circuit aforesaid Thomas Doudeen, and in pursuance of an Act of Congress, entitled "An act to provide for certain persons engaged in the Land and Naval services of the United States in the Revolutionary War," and in order to obtain the assistance thereby afforded to revolutionary officers & soldiers in reduced circumstances, made oath, that in the month of september, 1777 he enlisted in Capt. Peter Jones' [S8772] Company of foot, in the 14th Continental Regiment commanded by Col. Stubblefield [George Stubblefield VAS1818], continued in that regiment until after the battle of Monmouth [28 Jun 1778], was then transfered to the 11th Va. regiment, Va line commanded by Col. Russel [sic: William Russell BLWt1849-500], and Continued therein untill taken prisoner at the Capture of Charleston [12 May 1780], was a prisoner at Charleston, about 15 months, five months of the time on board of prison ship; that he was exchanged at James Town in Va. and was there discharged upwards of five years after his entrance into the Army; that his discharged has been probably lost as he does not know what has become of it; that he has received no pension or other bounty from Government, that from age and infirmity [he is] unable to gain a livelihood by labour and by reason of his reduced circumstances in life stands in need of assistance from his country for support. Thomas hisXmark Douden

N.B. He was at the battle of Monmouth, the attack of Paulus Hook [19 Aug 1779] & stony point [16 Jul 1779] and the seige of Charleston.

Thomas Harris [S38002], made oath that he served with Thomas Doudeen during all the time above mentioned and personally knows his account of his revolutionary services and sufferings to be true



On this thirteenth day of February one thousand eight hundred and twenty one personally appeared in open court being a court of record for the county of Prince George aforesaid in the State of Virginia Thomas Dowden aged sixty four years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the provisions made by the acts of Congress of the 18th March 1818 and the 1st May 1820 that he the said Thomas Dowden enlisted for the term of three years some day in the month of September in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the company of Peter Jones in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Davis [sic: William Davies BLWt597-500] in the line of the states of Virginia on the American Continental establishment that he continued to serve in said corps until he was detached from that regiment when laying at middle brook state of Newyork [sic: Middlebrook NJ] under Colonel Richard Parker [BLWt525-500] destined for the south and was taken prisoner in Charles Town whilst he was under the command of General [Benjamin] Lincoln, remaining there a prisoner until he was exchanged and came to James Town Virginia where he was discharged July 1781 that he was at the battle [several words missing] was taken at the seige of Charlestown South Carolina and that he has no other evidence now in his power of his said service except the testimony of Thomas Harris and the certificate obtained from the war department under the signature of J. C. Calborn [sic: John C. Calhoun] and in pursuance of the act of the first may 1820 I do solemnly swear that I was a resident Citizen of the United States on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not since that time by gift sale or in any manner disposed of my property or any part thereof with intent thereby so to diminish it as to bring myself within the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "an act to provide for certain

persons engaged in the land and naval service of the United States in the Revolutionary War” passed on the 18th day of March 1818 and that I have not nor has any person in trust for me any property or securities contracts or debts due to me nor have I any income other than what is contained in the Schedule hereto annexed and by me subscribed. Thomas Dowden

Schedule of the property real and personal except necessary clothing and beds and bedding. One Hundred acres of land one old horse, six head of sheep, one sow & seven pigs, three shoats, 8 hoes, 3 plow hoes, 3 axes, 1 pewter bason, 1 small tin pan, 8 pewter spoons, 1 pewter pintpot, six earthen cups & saucers, 1 earthen broul, 12 earthen plates, sugar dish & milk pot, 1 tin coffee pot, 4 fat pots, 4 jugs, 1 old dutch oven, 1 Iron pot, 2 pot racks 1 quart decanter, 1 case & bottles, 1 pair fire tongs, 1 pair flat Irons, 1 side saddle, 4 rush bottom chairs, 1 small grind stone 1 small skillet, 1 grid Iron, a pair Iron wedges, an earthen vessel, a pair gig wheels a wash noggin six knives & forks – money due me \$9 cts 18³/₄

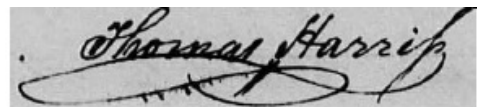
Thomas Dowden

The Court are of opinion that the said Thomas Dowden schedule does not exceed one Hundred & ninety nine dollars & six & a quarter cents, and it is ordered that the clerk do certify the same accordingly List of Thomas Dowdens family residing with him

Thomas Dowden aged sixty four Infirm Edney Dowden nineteen healthy, John Cocke aged fourteen Infirm Thos. Dowden

Prince George County Sct.

This day [12 May 1824] Thomas Harris of the aforesaid County appeared before me Francis E Rives a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid and being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist, deposeth and saith, as well as he now recollects that he together with Thomas Dowden of the County of Prince George were called into the service of the United States sometime in the year 1777 that they were under the command first of Lieut. Epes [possibly William Eppes BLWt360-200] of Prince George and marched to Valley forge where he together with Mr. Dowden was put under the command of Colo. Stubblefield on whose resignation he and Mr. Dowden were transfered to the Regiment commanded by Colo. Davis, that they afterwards, were put in the 1st Va. Regiment commanded by Colo. Russell, that they were in the service together Five Years that they were in the engagment at Monmouth Courthouse at Stoney Point and Porler Hook, and at the taking of Charleston and attached to the Virginia line.



Prince George County towit

On this 10th day of August 1826 personally appeared in open Court, being a Court of Record for the said County of Prince George so made by the laws of Virginia; Thomas Dowden a resident in the said County of Prince George aged Seventy years ... months, who being first duly sworn according to law, doth on his oath make the following declaration, in order to obtain the provision made by the acts of Congress of the 18th of March 1818 and the 1st of May 1820. That he the said Thomas Dowden enlisted for the term of Three Years on or about the 15th day of September in the year 1777 in the State of Virginia in the Company of light Infantry Commanded by Captain Jones in the Regiment Commanded by Colonel Davis in the line of the State of Virginia on Continental establishment, that he continued to serve in the said Corpse untill he was taken at Charlestown South Carolina where he was detained as a prisoner of war fifteen months and was exchanged at Jamestown in Virginia and was discharged from the said service in James City County in the said State of Virginia That he was at the Seige of Charlestown under General Lincoln, at the battle of Stoney Point under General [Anthony] Wayne, in the battle of Monmouth, storming of Powler’s Hook, and Seige of York, That he has no other evidence now in his power, of his said services, except the Testimony of Thomas Harris, whose affidavit is hereto annexed, and he doubts not that his name is enrolled among the records of the revolution. That he hereby

relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension, except the present: that his name is not on the roll of any other state, and the following are the reasons for not making earlier application for a pension. That he the said Thomas Dowden did heretofore towit, on the 13th day of February 1821 under the provision of the aforesaid act of 1820, appear in open Court in the aforesaid County of Pr. George and made the declaration required, in the form prescribed by the said act, as he was at that time advised and that the said declaration, with the evidence of his claim was put into the possession of Wm H Harrison at that time Deputy Clerk of the aforesaid County of Pr. George, and that the s'd Harrison, either willfully or negligently destroyed the s'd. document. [Oath similar to that in the previous application follows.]

Schedule.	50 acres of land @ \$1.25.	one Horse worth \$14	\$76.50
	1 bed & 2 bedsteads	\$7. plantation tools	\$3.50 10.50
	1 table & 4 chairs	\$1.50. 1 chest & trunk	\$1. 2.50
	1 press & saddle	\$3. pewter & earthen ware	\$1.25 4.25
	5 hogs	\$4. 1 tub 1 bread tray and water pail	\$1. 5.00
	1 pot 2 racks & tongs	\$1.50 1 flat iron	\$.50¢ 2.00
	1 hogshead & a parcel		<u>3.00</u>
			\$109.00

his occupation a "Farmer" but from age is unable to pursue it

Polly Dowden his wife aged 46 years, his daughter Mary Ann aged 2 years & a half & a boy aged 12 or 13 yrs. able to cut wood

That he is indebted to Nancy Brockwell in about the sum of \$30. to the credit of which, he has paid \$10. out of the money received as his pension under the law of 1818, and that Interest is due upon said debt from 1818 as well as he recollects, to Jno Avery \$18.50 due in 1824 to Alex'r. Johnson \$11.60 – and that Wm Dowden is indebted to him in the sum of \$2. That since the 18th March 1818 the following changes have been made in his property.

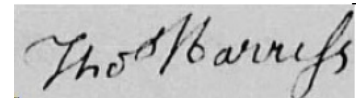
50 acres of land to Wm. Moore, sold 10 Dec'r. 1821 for Eighty Dollars.

\$47.53 of which sum he paid in discharge of and Execution which issued against him as security for David Cocke, to a bond executed by the s'd. Cocke and this deponant to the adm[inistrat]or of the Estate of Herbert Holloway as pr. copy of the judgment hereto annexed, and the balance of the said sum of \$80 he paid to the s'd. Wm. Moore to the best of his recollection, for building this deponant a house, his dwelling house having rotted down and he being unable to rebuild it himself

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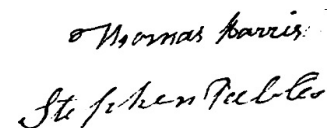
Be it known that on this 28th day of March 1827 before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Thomas Harris who, on his oath declares that he well knows Thos. Dowden whose name is subscribed to the within Certificate, to be the same person as described therein



[The following are from [bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.](#)]

I do hereby certify that Thomas Dowden enlisted at the same time I did with Capt. Peter Jones and served three years in the regular service of the United States

Thomas Harris
Stephen Peebles



1807 Prince George Dec'r 28th. This day Thomas Harris appear'd before me and made oath to the above certificate which Stephen Peoples also Affirmed (now a Quaker) Rich'd Fletcher

NOTES:

Uriah Williamson stated that he had often heard his father, William Williamson, state that he had served with Thomas Dowden.

A Treasury-Department document states that the widow of Thomas Dowden received the final pension payment up to the date of his death, 24 Sep 1837.

On 12 May 1853 Mary Dowden, "aged Seventy— years," applied for a pension stating that as Mary Spain she was married to Thomas Dowden by Nathaniel Chambless, a Baptist preacher, in Sussex County. The file includes a copy of the minister's return stating that the marriage occurred on 21 March 1823.